

House Resolution 101 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

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1 A Resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of
2 Iowa's community colleges.

3 WHEREAS, in the year 1965, Senate File 550 was
4 introduced before Iowa's 61st General Assembly to
5 provide for the establishment and operation of area
6 community colleges and area vocational schools; and

7 WHEREAS, Senate File 550 was passed by the Senate by
8 a vote of 47 to 11 on May 26, 1965, and was then passed
9 by the House of Representatives by a vote of 80 to 24
10 on May 28, 1965; and

11 WHEREAS, Governor Harold Hughes signed Senate File
12 550 into law on June 7, 1965, creating a new community
13 college system in Iowa; and

14 WHEREAS, the State Board of Education officially
15 designated Iowa's community colleges on the following
16 dates in 1966:

17	I	Northeast Iowa	February 18
18	II	North Iowa Area	February 18
19	III	Iowa Lakes	October 28
20	IV	Northwest Iowa	February 18
21	V	Iowa Central	February 18
22	VI	Iowa Valley	April 29
23	VII	Hawkeye	March 18
24	IX	Eastern Iowa	March 18
25	X	Kirkwood	March 18
26	XI	Des Moines Area	March 18
27	XII	Western Iowa Tech	August 19
28	XIII	Iowa Western	March 18

1 XIV Southwestern February 18
2 XV Indian Hills February 18
3 XVI Southeast Iowa June 2; and

4 WHEREAS, 50 years later, Iowa's community
5 colleges have grown to be the largest category of
6 postsecondary institution in Iowa, providing accessible
7 and affordable education to a diverse range of
8 students; and

9 WHEREAS, Iowa's community colleges deliver college
10 parallel courses and career technical education
11 programs to Iowa high school students; and

12 WHEREAS, Iowa's community colleges provide
13 under-skilled Iowans adult literacy and basic education
14 opportunities; and

15 WHEREAS, Iowa's workforce today embodies nearly 25
16 million credit hours and over 138 million contact hours
17 of past and present community college training; and

18 WHEREAS, Iowa's community colleges lead the response
19 to the specific workforce needs of Iowa's communities
20 when nearly 34 percent of open positions in Iowa
21 require an education level equal to an associate degree
22 or higher; and

23 WHEREAS, 50 years after their initial designation,
24 Iowa's community colleges are leaders in providing
25 skills training for high-demand, high-paying,
26 high-skilled occupations and career enhancement
27 opportunities for Iowa workers; NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
29 That the House of Representatives congratulates and
30 commends Iowa's community colleges for their 50 years

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1 of developing and sustaining accessible and quality
2 higher education opportunities for all Iowans and for
3 their 50 years of service to Iowa and its businesses,
4 communities, and citizens.